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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 3, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
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Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 3, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 3, 2002 Office Action was originally due by January 3, 2003. This response is accompanied by a Request For Extension Of Time (1 month) to extend the deadline to February 3, 2002. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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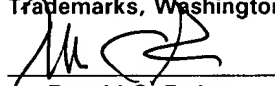
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